

# PRESIDENT ASKS ENLIGHTENED COURT VIEWS

## NEW PROPOSAL ON HOSPITAL MEETS DELAY

Bishop Lynch To Hear Gift Offer of Dr. T. A. King on Return From Philippine Islands Late in March—Rev. Gerlich To Secure Endorsements.

The offer of the King Hospital building, grounds and equipment as a gift to the Catholic Church will be submitted for consideration of Most Rev. J. P. Lynch of Dallas late in March, according to Rev. E. J. Gerlich, pastor of the Holy Family Catholic Church of Vernon.

He returned from Dallas Tuesday night after a trip to that city Monday to confer with his Bishop on the offer, which would require the church to operate a public hospital here, but arrived in Dallas a few hours after Bishop Lynch had left for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Manila, Philippine Islands. His return to Dallas is expected March 27.

### Offer Held Open

Dr. T. A. King, who made the offer after the proposal to establish a county hospital was defeated in an election here last Thursday, said Wednesday morning the offer to the Catholic Church remained open despite the unexpected delay in submission of the proposal to church authorities. Rev. Gerlich conferred with Dr. King upon his return from Dallas.

The hospital and grounds were offered as a gift to the county in November if the county would pay Dr. King \$12,500 for equipment and operate the hospital on a recognized standard basis. To meet the requirements in establishing a county hospital through the gift offer, an election was called by the Commissioners Court on the question of issuing bonds in the amount of \$18,000. The proposal was rejected Dec. 31 by a vote of 660 to 621.

The day after the election, announcement of the offer to the Catholic Church was made. The only requirements to be met if the offer is accepted are use of the building for hospital purposes only, and that the hospital be "forever available to all physicians who prove themselves students in the progress of medicine."

In his letter to Rev. Gerlich announcing the proposed transfer, Dr. King said he had no fear of the standard of hospital service that would be delivered if the Catholic Church accepted the gift.

### Procedure Discussed

If the offer meets the approval of Bishop Lynch, he will probably recommend the proposal to one of the orders of Catholic nuns which operates hospitals, according to Rev. Gerlich. In such a case the hospital would be examined and other investigations made by persons from the order of nuns. They would report to the Bishop who would have final authority in granting permission to operate the hospital.

The King Hospital was built in 1925 at a cost of \$75,000. Its building, grounds and equipment are now valued at more than \$80,000.

Rev. Gerlich said time between now and the return of Bishop Lynch would be utilized in securing endorsements of the proposal for presentation to the church official.

## • THOMAS CHILD DIES IN CITY

Munice Ray Thomas, four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, died at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the family residence at 2930 Luna Street. Death followed an illness of few days and was caused by pneumonia.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the chapel at the Frost and Laxton Mortuary. Rev. Cal C. Wright, presiding elder of the Methodist churches in the Vernon district, will officiate. Burial will be in the East View Cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, a brother, Van Weldon Thomas; three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas and Mrs. D. E. Bolten; and seven uncles and five aunts.

### MEXICO TO SPEND LARGE SUM ON PAVED HIGHWAYS

Laredo, Jan. 6. (P)—Mexico contemplates spending at least 21,000,000 pesos this year to construct new highways.

Vicente Cortez Herrera, Under Secretary of Communications and Public Works for the Mexican Government, said here the new road building program will start next July and funds for it will be put up equally by the Federal Government and the various States.

Plans will be completed by July 1, he said, on the Pan-American Highway from Laredo to Mexico City. At present a stretch of about 65 miles is all that remains unpaved. This stretch is near Tamazunchale.

To make the highway as safe as possible through the towering mountain ranges, guard rails will be built on the curves and other dangerous sections.

## AUTOMOBILE LEADERS CONFER ON TROUBLES AS STRIKES IN INDUSTRY DRAW U. S. INTEREST

Detroit, Jan. 6. (A-P)—Alfred P. Sloan, president, joined others in the "high command" of General Motors Corporation Wednesday at company offices here as spreading strikes beset their automotive plants.

Corporation officials described Sloan's visit as of a routine nature and insisted no conference had been arranged with Federal labor conciliators who are seeking a possible basis for settlement of strikes called by the United Automobile Workers of America.

## PAIR SILENT AFTER TALK ON MATTSON KIDNAPING

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 6. (P)—A visitor to two Southwest Washington men to kidnap investigation headquarters Wednesday revived speculation that the abductors of 10-year-old Charles Mattson may be hiding the boy near Shelton.

The pair were identified as a Shelton business man and a resident of Hood sport, near Shelton in a heavily timbered and sparsely populated area south west of Tacoma.

They visited the Federal Bureau of Investigation's special office here early Wednesday and were closeted with agents for more than an hour and a half.

Neither would discuss publicly their reasons for driving 50 miles over icy roads through early morning fog and darkness. Their only words were:

"We can't talk."

G. R. Grubbe, watchman at a mill in Shelton at the south end of Puget Sound, touched off a great man hunt in that area Sunday night by reporting one of two "tough looking" men in a coupe ordered him to tell the stolen child's father, Dr. W. W. Mattson of Tacoma, "everything is well."

The hunt for the men and the car was called off Monday upon Dr. Mattson's plea nothing be done that might endanger his smiling freckle-faced 10-year-old son.

Of the 14 major kidnapings in the United States since 1933, in only five have the victims been held longer than has 10-year-old Charles, whose kidnapper left a demand for \$28,000 ransom.

Authorities said all but June Roles, the little Arizona girl who turned up in the desert 19 days after she disappeared, were better able to stand captivity than Charles, who was thinly clad and suffering a cold when he was seized 10 days ago.

Pupils in 11 Catholic schools offered prayers for his safety while authorities remained inactive to let the kidnaper deal with the boy's parents.

On another rumor traced in King Ranch search

## BRITISH SHIPS GIVEN ORDERS

### MEDITERRANEAN PATROL IS STRENGTHENED WHILE ITALY WRITES NOTE

London, Jan. 6. (P)—Great Britain ordered a mass movement of 172,000 tons of warships in the Mediterranean Wednesday after requesting Germany and Italy to answer by Saturday her proposal to ban volunteers from the Spanish civil war.

Four of the British navy's largest fighting ships prepared to steam between Gibraltar and Malta in naval maneuvers described by the admiralty as "routine," but interpreted as "significant" in the tense Spanish crisis.

In addition, the third destroyer flotilla of nine ships was ordered to leave Malta to relieve the first destroyer flotilla of the same number of vessels now "in Spanish waters."

The Italian reply to the British suggestion to halt the flow of foreign volunteers into Spain was expected to be ready for transmission Wednesday or Thursday.

Morning newspapers reports that 10 Rangers headed by H. H. Carmichael, head of the Department of Safety, were on their way here were denied by McMurry.

He said he and Bridges were in the county "on other business," and decided to investigate the shallow well rumor while here.

CUBAN BEAUTY SAYS DUKE OF  
WINDSOR BELONGS IN HAVANA

Havana, Jan. 5. (P)—Alice Parla, dark-eyed Cuban beauty who says she sold the world on rumba, declared Tuesday she wants her friend, the Duke of Windsor, to come to Havana.

"He needs to do something about his dancing—he's such a fine person," said Alice, who ought to know. She gave the former King of England some dancing pointers in Monte Carlo several years ago.

The conference gave rise to reports that, if German and Italian replies to the British demand for a non-intervention answer are unfavorable, France and Great Britain would order a naval blockade of the Spanish coast to enforce strict neutrality.

The main problem to be worked out, this source reported, concerned British "preparedness" to aid France in case French troops are sent to the Pyrenees, which divide France from Spain.

Shortly after the British War Secretary left Paris on his return to London, Daladier caught a train for the Riviera, where Premier Leon Blum is staying.

The social "cut" is their weapon. Half a century of tradition says each of the season's debutantes shall entertain all the others.

But four whose fathers have no New Deal interests are ignoring the invitations of the other 26, whose fathers have more regard for the Administration.

"We want nothing to do with those New Dealers," is their battle cry.

## Cuban President



## Congress Speeds Measure To Halve Arms Shipments

### NEW LICENSE GRANTED FOR PLANE SALE

Special Neutrality Measure May Be Passed Thursday Afternoon—Speed Required To Block Movement of War Materials Destined for Spain.

Washington, Jan. 6. (P)—Congressional leaders raced to block shipment of more than \$7,000,000 of munitions to the Spanish Loyalist Government Wednesday, striving to enact a special neutrality measure by Thursday afternoon.

Chairman McReynolds of the House Foreign Affairs Committee expressed hope the resolution could be passed under a unanimous consent agreement—by the House Wednesday.

Senate passage Thursday was the goal of Chairman Pittman of the corresponding Senate committee, which was called to meet Wednesday afternoon.

### New License Issued

Their action was speeded by granting of a second license for the exportation of planes and other equipment to the Valencia Socialists.

Differences over spending money and other policies were forgotten in a general desire to speed the bill after the State Department reluctantly issued two permits to export \$7,284,000 in munitions and air planes to bleeding Spain.

Since the neutrality task will carry into the week-end, the Democratic majorities gave enthusiasm the endorsement for a final, ceremonial celebration of the November landslide.

The counting of the electoral vote before the Senate and House in joint session at noon Central Standard Time provided the opportunity.

While carpenters hammered away from the Capitol to the White House on stands for the inauguration Jan. 20, the formal ballots told the well-known story—523 to 8 for Roosevelt and Garner.

The board of directors is composed of all officers, with the exception of the assistant cashiers.

The President chose to make the message one of the shortest on record, leaving his detailed program to the budget message later in the week, the inaugural address and perhaps recommendations thereafter.

### Sixth Appearance.

His appearance—the sixth time he has addressed Congress—marked a transition from his first to his second administration, with the message both reviewing the last year and looking ahead to the next.

The leaders already knew his mind on neutrality.

How much money the Administration will seek to carry relief through June remained a question. If the pace of the last six months is to be maintained at least \$700,000,000 will be needed.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Tuesday night, but will probably be held Thursday.

Survivors are four sons, Eugene, Roy, Claude and William P. Slator of Wichita Falls; one daughter, Marvin, and two granddaughters, Alice and Jack and Paul Jones of Elk City, Okla. New Staton of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Harry Cohen of Wichita Falls; three great-grandchildren; and two nephews, O. W. Seal and T. C. McIntosh of Wichita Falls.

Active pallbearers were C. T. Murphy, W. S. Carter, Charlie Cavin, Bob Middlebrook, Cecil Short and Abe Dunn.

Honorary pallbearers were Capt. Wheeler, J. A. Stovall, C. W. Carroll, J. A. Garrett, Jonathan Bradford, Sid Bonn, Cap. Adkins, Coy Payne and Carl Roberts.

Acting as flower girls were Mrs. Ralph Bradford, Mrs. Lottie Jewel Powers, Mrs. Will Taoplins, Mrs. Hassell, Miss Agnes Dunn, Miss Famie Middlebrook, Miss Myrtle Murphy, Mrs. J. L. Short, Mrs. Sid Bonn, Mrs. W. E. Carter, Mrs. Maggie Wheeler, Mrs. Capps, Mrs. Cap Adkins, Mrs. Carl Roberts, and Mrs. J. A. Stovall.

## REQUEST FOR TRIBUNALS TO AID IS MADE

Roosevelt Says Vital Need Not Constitutional Change but Use of Legitimate Power as Effective Instrument for Common Good.

Washington, Jan. 6. (P)—President Roosevelt summoned the courts Wednesday to do their part "in making democracy successful" within the framework of the Constitution at a time when "militarism has leaped forward" abroad.

Addressing a joint session of Congress from the Speaker's dais in the House chamber, the President said:

"The vital need is not alteration of our fundamental law, but an increasingly enlightened view with reference to it.

"We do not ask the courts to call non-existent powers into being, but we have a right to expect that conceded powers or those legitimately implied shall be made effective instrument for the common good."

"The process of our democracy must not be impeded by the denial of essential powers of free government."

Before the heavily Democratic Congress, the chief executive asserted that "the broad objectives" of NRA were "sound" adding:

"The statute of NRA has been outlawed. The problems have not. They are still with us."

The President did not mention the Supreme Court by name, but he said at one point:

"Because all of us believe that our Democratic form of government can cope adequately with modern problems as they arise, it is patriotic as well as logical for us to prove that we can meet new national needs with new laws consistent with the historic constitutional framework clearly intended to receive liberal and not narrow interpretation."

Mr. Roosevelt confined his message to a broad outline of future problems, saying he would have specific recommendations later. But he said immediate action was needed to extend the neutrality law to cover civil strife in Spain; to extend existing statutes (such as his monetary powers and the reconstruction corporation) and to make deficiency appropriation for relief purposes.

Among "far-reaching problems" needing solution, the President included:

"A housing 'menace' of habitations failing to provide the physical benefits of modern civilization;

"Improvement and broadening of the social security system;

The President said he would discuss unemployment with Congress later, adding:

"The broader task of preventing unemployment is a matter of long range evolutionary policy. To that we must continue to give our best thought and effort."

"We cannot assume that immediate industrial and commercial activities which mitigate present pressure justifies the National Government at this time in placing the unemployed in a filing cabinet of finished business."

"Fluctuations in employment are tied to all other wasteful fluctuations in our mechanism of production and distribution."

Mr. Roosevelt termed ever production and speculation the "three evil sisters" who disrupt the troubles of unsound inflation and disastrous deflation," adding:

"It is to the interest of the Nation to have Government help private enterprise to gain sound general price levels and to protect those levels from wide periodic fluctuations."

In a brief discussion of NRA, the President said its difficulties arose from the fact that we tried to do too much."

"For example," he said, "it was unwise to expect the same agency to regulate the length of working hours, minimum wages, child labor and collective bargaining on the one hand and the complicated questions of unfair trade practices and business control on the other."

Federal laws were needed to add to supplement state laws to provide "decent conditions and adequate pay for labor" and a just return for agriculture.

Asserting the World War had set up many oligarchies in place of democracies, he said: "In oligarchies militarism has leaped forward, while in those nations which have retained democracy, militarism has waned."

The President said the inter-American peace conference which he opened last month at Buenos Aires improved existing peace machinery and formed forth a message on behalf of all the democracies of the world to those nations which live otherwise."

"It was high time for democracy to assert itself," he added.

The President said the administrative machinery of government needed a "comprehensive overhauling" and notified the Congress he would have a special message on his organization shortly.

"Your task and mine," the President concluded, "is not ending with the end of the depression. The people of the United States have made it clear that they expect us to continue our active efforts in behalf of their peaceful advancement."

## ARMY OF SALESMEN TO

## DUTCH QUEEN AIDS GUESTS

**NAZIS REFUSE TO PERMIT GIRLS TO TAKE MONEY ON WAY TO WEDDING**

The Hague, Jan. 6. (P)—Wilhelmina of Holland dug down in her queenly purse Wednesday to help out the German princess-bridesmaids of Crown Princess Juliana, who becomes a bride Thursday.

First, German resentment over the non-singing of Nazi "Lieds" and the non-flying of Nazi swastikas caused passport difficulties for the bridesmaids, who include the Princesses Elizabeth and Sieglinde zu Lippe and Sophie of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, kinswomen of the flustered groom, Prince Bernhard zu Lippe-Biesterfeld.

That was ironed out, but the Reich's government, pursuing its usual course when citizens leave the country on visit, permitted the bridesmaids to depart with but 10 marks apiece (less than \$4).

So the queen is betraying all expenditures—including those for wedding dresses, fancy dress ball costumes and pin money for the girls.

A now Dutch-German incident, a musical interlude this time, rivaled interest in the climax of festivities for the wedding.

The incident occurred before 1,500 guests, including the bridal couple and Queen Wilhelmina, at a gala festive.

Dr. Peter Van Anrooy, a well known conductor, explained later he did not object to leading "Deutschland Uber Alles," which also was on the program, but would never play a political party song such as "Horst Wessel."

The leader of a Dutch military band conducted the two German selections and Dr. Van Anrooy directed the rest of the program.

## SEVERE COLD WAVE HITS FAR WEST IN NEW BLAST

Chicago, Jan. 6. (P)—Winter concentrated its severest blasts in the Far West Wednesday after giving the Middle West a taste of sub zero weather, coldest of the season.

Blizzards and rain swept the Pacific Coast, Arizona and Utah, blocking roads, marooning 250 persons in eight scattered camps, and killing at least one person.

Continued cold was predicted in the storm riddled area.

In the Middle West snow and moderating temperatures were in prospect for some states, but the weatherman promised little increase from the cold in the Dakotas and Minnesota where minimum readings Tuesday were in the twenties and thirties below zero.

A severe cold wave was forecast for Kansas with continued cold or colder weather predicted for Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. More comfortable temperatures came to Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and other prairie states.

## SINKING SPELLS HAMPER POPE'S RECOVERY FIGHT

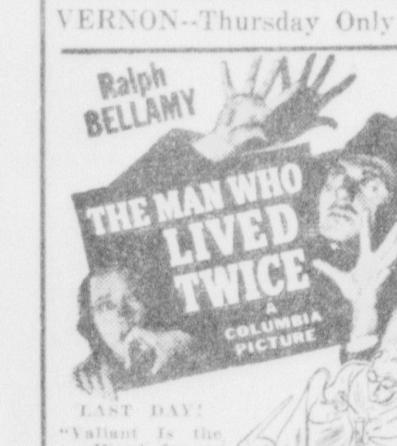
Vatican City, Jan. 6. (P)—Sinking spells in which Pope Pius XI frequently drifted to the borderline of unconsciousness Wednesday were reported to have hampered his recovery for the last 48 hours.

Informed sources said the Holy Father's medical attendants were being called repeatedly to rally him from the attack.

Dr. Amintore Fanfani, the chief physician, was reported to have spent all of Tuesday night in the Papal apartments within call for an emergency.

The Cardinals heading congregations, or executive departments, of the church have been asked not to leave Rome because of the Pontiff's illness, reliable sources said.

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## Marrying Themselves



Only a few days after two New Yorkers were married by contract, Stockton White Woodruff and Miss Nancy Irvin McAfee escaped the usual nuptial pomp by marrying themselves without aid of a minister in the old Quaker tradition of Purchase, N. Y. The bridegroom is shown placing the ring on his bride's finger during the simple ceremony, at which each said the marriage vow in the presence of four official witnesses, just as Miss McAfee's great-grandmother had done more than 100 years ago.

## STATE UPHELD IN TAX CASE

## JAP DIET TO FACE FASCISM

### INTANGIBLE LEVY ACT IS RULED CONSTITUTIONAL IN PIPE LINE SUIT

Austin, Jan. 6. (P)—The Third Court of Civil Appeals upheld Wednesday the constitutionality of the intangible tax act, affirming a Travis County District Court's action in a suit against A. B. Anderson, Tax Commissioner, by the Texas Pipe Line Company.

The company which operates 4,520 miles of pipe line in 88 Texas counties, had alleged the act as amended in 1935 violated the equal and uniform taxation clause of the Texas Constitution and the process clause of the Federal Constitution.

The District Court denied an injunction and sustained a general demurrer.

The appellate court held with the lower court, citing the \$4,621,000 value placed on the company's lines, was 48 per cent of its true value and was in line with an average 48 per cent value assessed by various county authorities throughout Texas.

It held also the act was not repugnant to the due process clause of the Federal Constitution, that it prescribed a workable method of apportionment of intangible values, and that the method of apportionment adopted by the State Tax board was authorized by the law.

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Committee members present were W. T. Lofland, R. T. Evans, Ira V. Younger, Dr. Y. H. Babasin, and Messrs. Philip Spears, P. L. Riddle, J. N. Wright, Clyde A. Muller, George A. Long, Hub Colley, and Mrs. Ruby Ripperton.

Officers for 1937 will be elected at the meeting of directors on Jan. 19.

Directors present for the meeting Tuesday evening were President D. Moore, Clyde Watts, Marvin McCree, Robert L. More, Jr., Paul Lowke, R. E. Mason, R. L. Riley, W. C. Weir, Dr. Robert C. Stokes, L. H. Wall, R. B. Sherrill, Jr., and Mack Boswell.

GRAND JURY QUESTIONS EIGHT "GANG" MEMBERS

Eight members of the youthful theft ring uncovered recently by members of the Vernon Police Department appeared Tuesday afternoon before the grand jury and are now held in the County jail awaiting action of that body.

Two of the youthful "gangsters" are classed as juveniles and will avoid penitentiary sentences in the event they are indicted and found guilty of theft or burglary.

The remaining six are classed as adults and face the possibility of being sentenced to terms in the State penitentiary. The youths range in ages from 16 to 22 years.

AMONG PRECAUTIONARY measures suggested were avoidance of overheating in homes and offices, maintenance of a plentiful supply of fresh air by ventilation of rooms, tending to become "stuffy," and observance of general health measures such as obtaining sufficient sleep and drinking plenty of water.

RUSSIAN STEAMER TAKEN BY REBELS AT GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar, Jan. 6. (P)—The Russian steamer Herlemontan, en route from Rotterdam to the Island of Elba, was halted Wednesday in the Straits of Gibraltar by an armed Spanish insurgent trawler and conducted to Ceuta, Spanish Morocco. (An unconfirmed report broadcast by the insurgent radio station at Seville also declared a Fascist warship seized a government vessel loaded with 600 tons of potatoes bound for Bilbao.)

NEW CAFE TO OPEN.

Morgan Ramsey is having equipment installed this week for a cafe at 1714 Main Street. The building was occupied by the Watts Barber Shop until its removal several weeks ago to a location two doors north. Mr. Ramsey will continue operation of the Ramsey Cafe on East Wilbarger Street.

POSITION OF TREASURY.

Washington, Jan. 6. (P)—The position of the Treasury Jan. 4: Receipts \$102,156,751.78; expenditures \$104,532,671.84; balance \$1,903,583,738.26. Customs receipts for the month \$4,958,654.26. Receipts for the fiscal year (since July 1) \$2,198,281,455.76; expenditures \$3,600,329,888.85, including \$1,448,832,021.60 of emergency expenditures; excess of expenditures \$1,402,648,413.09. Gross debt \$34,404,750,149.91, a decrease of \$2,160,811.75 during the previous day. Gold assets \$11,257,782,620.38, including \$26,702,765.26 of inactive gold.

GOLFER WEDS.

London, Jan. 6. (P)—Joyce Weathered, the golfer, was married Wednesday to Sir John Heathcoat Amory, whom she met on the links at Hoylake last year. Many golfing friends attended the services at St. George's, London.

## Daily Markets

(By ASSOCIATED PRESS LEASED WIRE)

### VERNON MARKETS

#### COTTON

Middling, 3%.....11.65

#### COTTON PRODUCTS

Cottonseed, per ton.....\$33

#### GRAIN

Oats.....47

Barley.....20

Wheat.....1.27

#### PRODUCE

Eggs, dozen.....20

Fryers, per pound.....12

Heavy hens, per pound.....12

Medium hens, per pound.....10

Leghorns, light hens.....07

Roosters, per pound.....04

Turkeys, per pound.....10

#### DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sour Cream.....30

#### COTTON

New York.

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## ALLRED MAKES SAFETY PLEA

**COMMITTEE OF 100 NAMED TO MAP CAMPAIGN TO CUT TRAFFIC TOLL**

Austin, Jan. 6. (AP)—Governor Allred Wednesday called upon Texas to organize against "headless squandering of lives and destruction of property" through traffic accidents.

He named a committee of 100, including members of the Public Safety Commission and other civic and governmental leaders, to plan a safety drive, and announced a State-wide meeting likely would be called later this month.

"The time for action has come," Allred said. "Our streets and highways must be made safe for travel. Despite the commendable progress made in Texas safety work, there exists the definite need for State-wide action in a sweeping campaign that will reduce to the barest minimum the number of street and highway tragedies."

He said U. S. Department of Commerce figures showed Texas auto deaths in 11 months of 1936 totalled 1,852, with 25,708 for the entire country.

"Statisticians of the Department of Public Safety revealed that death struck in traffic accidents throughout Texas during the past year on an average of one for each four hours and 45 minutes."

He said he believed the solution lay in a traffic safety committee with members selected for their known interest in safety work.

### FARM DEBT COMMITTEE VISITED BY OFFICIAL

Homer E. Carrico of Mineral Wells, district supervisor of the Farm Debt Adjustment Section of the Resettlement Administration, was in Vernon Wednesday to confer with members of the Wilbarger County farm debt committee and debt cancellation commissioner, John Myers. Members of the committee are E. B. Gillis of Elliott, C. H. Randal of

# Lion Basketball Team Reveals Power in Workout

## FAST OFFENSE IS PRESENTED

VERNON QUINTET DISPLAYS STRENGTH IN SCRIMMAGE WITH OKLAUNION

The Vernon Lions came suddenly to life Tuesday afternoon, flashed a fast-breaking offense which netted point after point in a hard scrimmage with the Oklaunion Cardinals and cheered Coach Will Gilmore with a striking display of defensive strength.

For the first time this season the inexperienced Lion squad demonstrated ability which gave rise to hopes that it would round into a competent, smooth working basketball team. The entire first string squad saw service and each combination which was tried worked well.

Smith, Schur, Mainey, Moore, and Belew worked at the forward positions. Nixon held down the center position, alternating at times with Belew. Gref, Chenaud, Johnson, and Childress were guards.

The Cardinals showed flashes of power but were outclassed by the surprisingly good play of the Lions. Taking part in the scrimmage for Oklaunion were Rogers, Mann, Howell, Kugland, Reeder, Hunkenstein, Ramsey, Bryant, and Levertit.

Coach Gilmore refused to comment on the outcome of Wednesday's game further than to say he hoped the improvement shown Tuesday would be demonstrated again at Electra.

Probable starters for the Lions are Charley Smith and Mark Belew forwards; Richard Nixon, center; and Oscar Johnson and "Jiggs" Childress, guards.

The Lions will meet the Wichita Falls Coyotes here Friday night in their first major tilt at home. It will also be the first conference game of the season for the Vernon eagles.

**THREE D OWNERS TO SEND RACERS TO ALAMO DOWNS**

Arlington Downs, Jan. 6. (P)—Dan Dearing, veteran Waggoner attache, will leave Sunday, Jan. 10, with five thoroughbreds for Alamo Downs. The small shipment includes the three year olds, That Wins, and Princess Bee, both of which have shown much promise in trials during the past month at Arlington Downs, Runaway Target, 5-year-old mare, and a winner at Arlington Downs, and two-year-old Turf Sting, a full brother to Princess Bee, being by Sting out of Turf Queen, and Sunny Chance, royalty bred 1907, by Chance Play out of Sunny Ann. Jockey A. Craig, Three D's contract rider, might accompany the shipment to San Antonio. All the thoroughbreds which will campaign at Alamo Downs are being prepped at Arlington Downs by Head trainer John R. Price, who will remain at Arlington to prepare the other Waggoner standard bearers for the races this year. Heffy continues a standout, and his works have been dazzling. This colt is being pointed for the Texas and Kentucky Derbys, and the Preakness.

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## Odell Cowboys Offer One of Major Basketball Teams in Competition For Honors in Wilbarger Turney

One of the three strongest basketball teams in the County this season, according to observers, Odell High School's green and white Cowboys have played 20 games to date, winning 17 and losing three. The Cowboys, coached by Paul Nixon, are expected to be one of the leaders in the race for top honors in the County tournament which will be played in the Vernon High School gymnasium Feb. 11, 12, and 13.

Starting the season with a 21 to 18 victory over West Vernon High School's quintet, the Cowboys won their first five games. Their first defeat was by the Five-in-One team, another of the County's strong clubs, by a score of 34 to 22.

In two later games with Five-in-One the Odell eagles have won by scores of 35 to 32 (played in the finale of a tournament at Medicine Mound) and 40 to 21.

The only other team which has downed Odell to date is South Lockett. The Longhorns took a 22 to 16 win from the Cowboys. In the final of a tournament at Holliday, earlier in the season they defeated the Odell Club by a score of 46 to 21.

The Cowboys have scored 632 points to date this season to 421 for their opponents.

On Coach Nixon's starting roster

a broken neck and crushed skull, He was identified by utility bills in his pocket.

The room from which he plunged was in disorder, as though a struggle had taken place. The mattress was torn from the bed. Furniture was overturned. Playing cards and poker chips were scattered about the room.

The room had been rented about 10:30 o'clock Monday morning to a man named Baker, who gave Oklahoma City as his address. He put no initials on the hotel register.

## WOMAN DIVER ENJOYS PROFESSIONAL WORK

Chicago, Jan. 6. (P)—Dorothy Payton, women's Olympic diving champion, has decided "The man on the flying trapeze" must have been a professional.

The school's team for boys weighing not more than 90 pounds was undefeated and untied in six games, filling up 212 points while holding opponents scoreless. "If that bunch of kids will only hold together, the Lions will be giving the Amarillo Sandies some mighty tough competition before many years have passed," Mr. Roberts said.

Ninety-six boys of Fannin, a sixth grade school exclusively, took part in grid activities in 1936. Two other teams were undefeated, but played fewer games than the 90-pounders and did not make a scoring record.

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**VERNON FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO ENTER FREDERICK SCHOOL**

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"He's the fellow who floated through the air with the greatest of ease," she laughed, "and until I turned professional a few weeks ago I never did really know just how easily he staged his act."

Mrs. Hill competed in three Olympic games and won two consecutive Olympic diving titles for the United States.

"It's fun to be diving for money instead of medals," the pretty, Hollywood, Calif., star said. "I was an amateur so long that it seems good to get away from the strait of training and fast competition and just dive."

"As a professional I'm diving better than I ever did as an amateur. Of course, I have to be in good form to win big meets and the Olympics championships, but now, without the constant thought of knowing someone always is trying to surpass you, I've been free and relaxed everyday. I've left the board. And the more relaxed a diver is—the better the dive."

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## DUTCH CLARK SIGNED TO MANAGE DETROIT LIONS

Los Angeles, Jan. 6. (P)—Dutch Clark, acclaimed one of the greatest halfback stars in football history, will coach the professional grid team he helped make famous—the Detroit Lions.

President George Richards of the Lions announced the signing of Clark for the 1937 season after receiving a wire from Earl "Patsy" Clark, erstwhile Detroit master, advising he had signed to coach the Brooklyn Dodgers next Fall. Patsy Clark's contract with the Lions expired Jan. 1. Dutch Clark's salary was not revealed.

Clark was high point scorer in the National pro league in 1936 and was voted all-league quarterback for the past five seasons.

## MISSISSIPPI OFFICERS SEEKS PAIR IN ABDUCTION

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 6. (P)—Mississippi officers searched highways Tuesday for two men who abducted a Shreveport, La., youth Tuesday night, fled in his car to Jackson, robbed a filling station and abducted the lone attendant.

Solen Snowden, 18-year-old nephew of a prominent oil man of Shreveport, and W. J. Ferguson, Jackson filling station attendant, were abducted. They were put out of Snowden's car early Tuesday near Pekahatchie, Miss., tied up in a cotton house by the bandits, who sped away toward Meridian.

Snowden and Ferguson freed themselves and walked to the home of a farmer who drove them to Jackson.

## LOU AMBERS HOLDS EDGE IN CLASH WITH VENTURI

New York, Jan. 6. (P)—Lightweight Champion Lou Ambers and potential challenger Enrico Venturi clash in a 10 round non-title tilt in Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Since he won the title from Tony Canzoneri several months ago, Ambers has defeated twice in important starts—by Philadelphia's Eddie Cool and by Jimmy Cefarin.

Venturi, flashy Italian fighter who would like a lightweight crack, has an altogether different record; he hasn't lost a fight in the United States and he's had several.

Despite his recent setbacks, Ambers rules a 7 to 5 shot.

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## HIGH SCHOOL STARS SOUGHT

MEMBERS OF ALL-STATE TEAM IN LINE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Dallas, Jan. 6. (P)—Texas Inter-scholastic League football stars who placed on the Associated Press All-State team are having no trouble getting the opportunity of higher education—it fact so many colleges are after them none have been able to decide where to go.

Most of Amarillo's State Champions Sandies are "waiting to see where the coach goes," Jerry Malin, Amarillo sports writer, said after contacting members of the team.

Coach Blair Cherry is an applicant for the University of Texas coaching position, which means that if he is employed as Longhorn mentor Texas will probably get at least four prize players.

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E. L. Keeton, Hillsboro's star wingman, has made no choice.

Roy Holbrook and Henry Hauser, Kerrville standouts who placed at the All-State team, have been contacted by Princeton University, University of Southern California, Tulane, S. M. U., Rice and other schools, according to Holbrook. Holbrook said he and Hauser would probably select the same college, estimating that they favored S. M. U. Hauser is also considering attending Schreiner Institute.

Dorwood Peveo, Fort Arthur's great tackle, has another year of high school eligibility.

Orell Herman, Abilene back, hopes to attend the United States Naval Academy. If he does not go there he will make himself available to Rice S. M. U., unless some other school proves more attractive.

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**LOUIS-ROSENBLUM BOUT TALKED AT LOS ANGELES**

Los Angeles, Jan. 6. (P)—Talk of a Joe Louis-Maxie Rosenblum bout here next month has been revived after the ex-light heavyweight champion's easy 10-round decision over reigning King Levinsky.

A near capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Olympic Auditorium Tuesday night saw the veteran Rosenblum, slab, cuff and bang his way to a resounding verdict over the one-time terror of Chicago fish markets.

The encounter, billed as a match for the Jewish heavyweight championship of the world—which drew a ruffaw from Levinsky—was filled with laughs for the crowd, grief for the Kingfish and a surprise for Rosenblum. The latter was accomplished in the fourth round when he suddenly scored a 9-count knockout.

Players in our league were not backward when it came to shattering records, some of which had stood for many years. In fact, they broke 24 and tied 14 major league marks in addition to setting 26 new and tying 11 American League records.

As for making any predictions in regard to the 1937 campaign, I really should be content with resting on my laurels as a prophet a year ago when I said that New York would make trouble for Detroit and that Chicago and Washington would show marked improvement. Who will win? How will they finish? Your guess is as good as mine!

Pete Smith, unseen star of M-G-M shorts, estimates that he has covered 12,000,000 feet of sound track with words in his career as screen commentator.

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## CONFIDENCE RUNS HIGH IN EAGLE NEST

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHIEF PLEASED AT SHOWING DURING SEASON

Chillicothe, Jan. 6.—The Chillicothe Eagles were confident of scoring their first major basketball victory of the season as they prepared to turn back the invasion Thursday night of the Wichita Falls Coyotes.

The Eagles, all inexperienced, have come along fast since the opening

defeated by the strong Carey Cardinals and by Quanah, Crowell, and King High School teams. They have shown improvement in each game played, however, and confidence runs high in the Eagle nest.

The addition of Jones, Stringer, Kyle, Bell and Hightower to the squad has greatly strengthened it, according to Coach J. T. Muse. Bell and Jones are listed as probable starters against the Coyotes Thursday night.

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schedules.

To me, the fact that the minor leagues enjoyed prosperity in '36 was the biggest event in baseball for the year. For, where would the major leagues be if it were not for minor circuits through which the players are developed?

The raw rookie of today down in the Evangeline, or up in the Northern League, may be the boy who draws the plaudits from the fans and the headlines in the papers because of his skill or prowess displayed in a world series contest two or three years from now.

Naturally, the American League has reason to be happy as a result of the events of 1936. True, our circuit lost the all-star game but to make up for that, we won the world and Chicago City series.

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## BASEBALL IN MINORS GAINS

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHIEF PLEASED AT SHOWING DURING SEASON

By WILL HARRIDGE

(President, the American League)

Chicago, Jan. 6. (P)—Baseball shared in the prosperity of 1936. I

would not say, "baseball has come back," for the reason it never went away. During the depression it suffered, of course, for the fans had no money to spend on amusements found no place in their budgets.

The British star, who refused to give up his amateur status until there was no doubt he was the world's best amateur player, faces Ellsworth Vines, rated the world's best pro, at Madison Square Garden in the first match of a long series.

Lured by the first public meeting between the ranking stars since 1932, a capacity crowd of 16,000 fans is expected to pour around \$35,000 into the pockets of the players and promoters Frank Hunter and S. Howard Vashell. The ticket price ranges from \$1.00 to \$9.00.

# BANK DEPOSITS REVEAL GAIN

MOUNTING PROSPERITY IN TEXAS NOTED IN REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONS

Dallas, Jan. 6. (AP)—Higher bank deposits reflected increased prosperity for Texans Wednesday.

State and National banks, answering a year-end bank call, throughout the State reported a healthier financial condition than a year ago.

Houston and Dallas paced the State with an increase of \$23,000,000 each in the last six months. Dallas' total was \$256,055,393 and Houston's \$248,501,361.

Other deposit totals were reported as follows:

Fort Worth \$95,072,977, a gain of \$12,696,422 over a year ago.

Abilene \$7,984,208, an increase of \$15,582.

Corpus Christi \$14,060,502, a gain of \$7,735,461.

Corsicana \$6,301,176, an increase of \$504,237.

Waco \$20,663,884, a gain of \$573,146.

Port Arthur \$8,143,548 as compared with \$6,714,460 a year ago.

Amarillo \$18,140,538, the largest since 1930, as compared with \$14,905,073 a year ago.

Wichita Falls \$18,730,781 as compared with \$16,877,877 in 1935.

Galveston \$43,755,565, a gain of \$4,507,718.

Austin \$22,560,445, a gain of \$3,474,007.

Lubbock \$8,436,240, up \$2,132,071 since June.

El Paso \$31,001,986, a gain of \$5,893,385 over a year ago.

Nineteen banks in Cameron, Hudspeth, Willacy and Starr counties reported deposits of \$12,466,300, an increase of \$1,487,738.

Baumon's total was \$23,302,511 as compared with about \$25,000,000 a year ago. Bankers said the 1935 total was affected by an abnormal fluctuation due to the \$10,000,000 cash the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company paid for the Yont-Lee Oil Company and that otherwise there had been a general gain in deposits.

## President's Aid Asked in Pacific Coast Walkout

San Francisco, Jan. 6. (AP)—Representatives of city and State Governments joined with private groups Wednesday in a growing plea for presidential intervention to end the 69-day Pacific Coast maritime strike.

Peace negotiations took an optimistic turn on one front involving licensed deck officers but disagreements met the first efforts of shipowners and longshoremen to discuss terms. Employers and radio telegraphists arranged to resume conferences.

Mayor Angelo Rossi of San Francisco urged a coastwise appeal urging the President to intervene as the only means of a speedy end to the conflict.

Addressing the Nation by radio, Rossi blamed the "personal ambitions" of two strike leaders, Harry Bridges of San Francisco, and Joseph Curran of New York, for prolonging the deadlock.

Gov. Frank Merriam of California telegraphed the President asking his "personal intervention in behalf of a speedy and equitable restoration of shipping operations."

The California Legislature had before it a resolution of State Senator Walter McGovern to memorialize President Roosevelt to use his good offices in bringing about a settlement.

Rossi said he was advised "a few days of honest negotiations" would bring peaceful solution of existing questions "in all human likelihood."

## STORIES IN STAMPS

By I. S. Klein

"BETSY Ross" of SPAIN.



CIVIL war stirred Spain about 100 years ago, as it does today. Ferdinand VII had tried to re-establish the Inquisition and had scaffolds built in the public squares of many cities for the execution of those who resisted him.

Defying this danger, Mariana Pineda, 27-year-old daughter of a naval captain, worked actively for the cause of the Constitutionalists. One day, in 1831, the police of Granada seized a newly embroidered flag, which they said had been designed for the revolutionary army by this beautiful young woman.

Mariana Pineda was imprisoned and tried as a traitor. But, unlike Betsy Ross, her American counterpart, her beauty, her sex, even the brilliant defense of her attorney failed to help her, and she was executed May 11, 1831.

In 1935, the liberal Spanish government issued a special stamp in her honor. It is shown here.

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## GENERAL INCREASE IN CRUDE PRICE PREDICTED

New York, Jan. 6. (AP)—The possibility of a general increase in the

price of crude oil of from 12 to 15 cents a barrel was discussed in trade circles here Tuesday.

Most observers held a price rise was probable shortly because of the "tight" situation east of the Rockies,

where, many said, it was virtually impossible to purchase crude. The shortage was attributed largely to a

strike in the Lake Maracaibo area, in Venezuela, which has stemmed the flow from that source and to

the limited supplies from California because of the maritime strike on the Pacific Coast.

The trade was seen as leaning to the belief major oil companies

would be forced to raise their prices.

on crude to somewhere near the 17-cent increases recently posted by Continental Oil Company and followed Monday by Barnsdall Oil Com-

pany.

Stork Club.

San Francisco, Jan. 6. (AP)—Fathers are to receive due consideration in the new San Francisco Hospital now under construction. A special room in which prospective fathers may dress

pace the floor is included in the plans. Reading matter will be provided on "the future care of the baby, particularly as to bathing and

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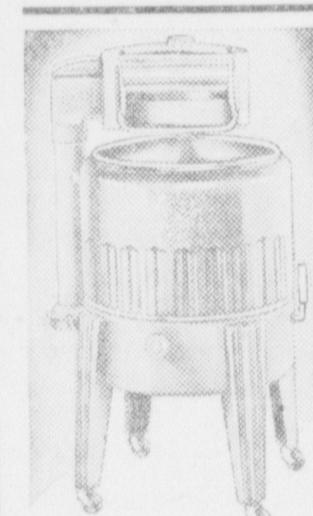
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## BANK NIGHTS IN SPOTLIGHT

### NEXT STEP IN PROBLEM DUE IN CRIMINAL COURT ACTION

Austin, Jan. 6. (AP)—The next step of State-wide importance involving theater bank nights likely will be taken by the Court of Criminal Appeals, tribunal of highest resort in criminal matters, or the Legislature.

The Supreme Court ruled the picture show drawings are against public policy and condemned by the Constitution. Is left open, however, the important question whether they are lotteries and, therefore, forbidden by criminal laws.

The Court of Criminal Appeals may answer that question early this year. A test case from Houston is pending.

The Supreme Court said in effect that if there was no law against bank nights, the Legislature ought to pass one. It cited the provision of the Constitution stating that "the Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting the establishment of lotteries and gift enterprises in this State, as well as the sale of tickets in lotteries, gift enterprises, or other evasions involving the lottery principle, established or existing in other States." Previously it had said if a bank night was not a lottery, it at least was "a gift enterprise involving the lottery principle."

Although the Constitution was written 60 years ago, no Legislature passed a penal statute against "gift enterprises involving the lottery principle." With the recent widespread operation of bank nights, however, and the Supreme Court's opinion pointing to the constitutional mandate, chances for approval of such a bill at the session starting Jan. 12 might be improved.

If bank nights should be prohibited, the State would lose a substantial amount of revenue. The lawmakers at their last special session imposed a 20 per cent tax on bank night awards and prizes of other business concerns given at drawings. The first month's collection aggregated \$15,551.49, and officials of the Comptroller's Department estimated it would mount to twice that sum after enforcement machinery began functioning smoothly.

The consensus of observers was that the Supreme Court's decision would have little immediate effect on bank nights. The opinion contained an indirect suggestion that the Attorney General might be able to proceed against corporations on grounds they were exceeding their charter powers but indicated no

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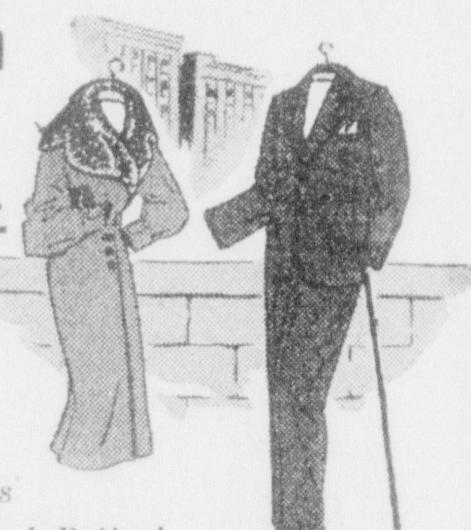
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### LANDMARK ABANDONED OFFICIALLY AT BEAUMONT

Beaumont, Jan. 6. (AP)—County officials, compelled by circumstances to wipe out an historic landmark, recently passed a resolution abandoning the road to the Jefferson County end of the Mansfield ferry across the Neches River.

The highway, formerly a teeming section of the old Spanish Trail leading to Orange, was abandoned by traffic when the Neches River bridge was constructed several years ago. County Commissioners were forced to take the action by a ruling of the Federal Government that the road must be abandoned officially before soil could be dumped on it in a river-widening project.

### JAPAN LEADS AS IMPORTER OF UNITED STATES COTTON

Washington, Jan. 6. (AP)—The Department of Agriculture reported Tuesday in a survey of the world trade in cotton that Japan had replaced the United Kingdom as the largest cotton importer since 1929 while South American countries expanded as exporters.

The United States was the chief supply source in the 15-year period from 1921 to 1935.

In the pre-World War period, 1909-1913, Europe took about 80 per cent of world production and Japan about 11 per cent. From 1931 to 1935, Europe bought 65 per cent of the world total, Japan 28 per cent and China about 3 per cent.

### ADEQUATE INSTRUCTION IN HOMES IMPOSSIBLE, CLAIM

Newark, N. J., Jan. 6. (AP)—Juvenile Court Judge Joseph Siegler has ruled "it is almost impossible for a child to be adequately taught in his home" in finding Mr. and Mrs. Benno Bengart of West Orange guilty as disorderly persons for keeping their two sons out of school.

The convictions, under the school act, carry possible fines of \$5.

The judge's decision did not order the brothers—William, 12, and Robert, 11, returned to school.

### NEW POLICE HEAD OPENS DRIVE ON MARBLE MACHINES

Houston, Jan. 6. (AP)—Captain J. J. Kuykendall, newly appointed head of the police vice squad, announced Tuesday his men would pick up all marble machines found in operation in Houston.

Marble machines, banned by the grand jury, resumed operations after legal complications, which resulted when Judge H. F. Kirby issued two orders restraining Houston officers from interference with them.

#### Bettie Story.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 6. (AP)—A special session of the State Legislature adjourned at 1:07 a. m., one day this week. At noon the following day the Legislature returned to open its regular session. In the interim, virtually all the legislators went no where except to bed in local hotels and homes. One of the first official acts of the new session in regular session was to vote mileage for "trips" back home between assemblies.

## LEAGUE HEARS NEW PROTEST

### ACTION REQUESTED OVER CONTINUED AID GIVEN TO FASCISTS

### RICH FIELD TRIALS AT BETHEL OPEN ON MONDAY

Palestine, Jan. 6. (AP)—The Southwest's richest bird dog meet—the annual South Texas Field Trials—open at Bethel, 20 miles northwest of here, next Monday.

Many well known handlers have arrived to get their entries acclimated to hunting conditions on the vast Milne J. Derden plantation, scene of the trials.

The Texas club is offering cash prizes totaling approximately \$2,000 and trophies of almost equal value. J. Sewell Lawson, club secretary, has been assured of entries from several States and Canada. Al Bade, veteran Portland, Ore., handler, was the first to arrive. He drove here with Whipple Creek Jerry, noted West Coast champion.

The championship stake carries an award of \$1,000 and a leg on Sid Peris Joe Memorial trophy.

Officials immediately set League machinery in motion to act on the protest and announced the note would be delivered to all member nations and the text published this afternoon.

The Spanish protest thrust a new complication into international efforts to keep the Spanish civil war confined to the Peninsula.

The Valencia authorities enumerated the seizure of two Spanish freighters by German warships and the continued flow of volunteers to Spain to aid Fascist insurgents.

The capture of the steamers was labelled a violation of international law by the Spanish Government and the fresh sending of volunteers was protested as a violation of the London non-intervention agreement.

Well Wisher.

Washington, Jan. 6. (AP)—Louis Amason returned home and found a thief had rifled a wallet secreted in the house. The money had been replaced by a rabbit's foot and a card reading: "Hope you have better luck next time."

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### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 483,834.91
Banking House	\$30,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,000.00
Other Real Estate	17,807.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	4,500.00
Federal Deposit Insurance Fund	620.14
Other Assets	94.27
Foreign Bonds	1,642.50
State and Municipal Bonds and Warrants	275,896.35
Federal Farm Loan Bonds	47,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds	36,500.00
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	\$49,239.09
TOTAL	\$1,452,134.26

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	52,000.00
Undivided Profits	5,098.24
DEPOSITS	1,295,036.02

TOTAL.....\$1,452,134.26

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## January Clearance of Men's and Boys' Clothing Begins Friday

Our stocks are unusually heavy for this season and we are going to make drives on men's and boys' winter wearables that will attract the attention of thrifty buyers all over this part of the country.

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\$12.95 Coats on sale at .....	\$9.95

### Men's Winter Union Suits at Clearance Prices

Hane's heavy Union Suits for .....	69¢
Hane's extra heavy Unions for .....	89¢
Hane's Shirts and Drawers for .....	49¢

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\$1.00 Pajamas on sale at .....	79¢
\$1.50 Pajamas on sale at .....	119¢
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\$3.50 Pajamas on sale at .....	285¢

### Men's Lounging Robes Take Their Cut

\$4.95 and \$5.95 Lounging Robes for .....	\$3.95
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### Men's Boot Pants Reduced

\$1.95 Men's Boot Pants for .....	\$1.65



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## CRUDE PRICES ARE WATCHED

### ACTION OF MAJORS ON HIKE AWAITED WHILE LAWS DISCUSSED

Austin, Jan. 6. (P)—The oil industry kept an ear to the ground Wednesday awaiting what producing States hoped would be announcement of a general increase in crude prices.

Three smaller purchasing companies, Continental, Barnsdall and Globe, several weeks ago posted an increase, effective Jan. 4, and oil operators were keenly interested in action by major buyers.

Glowing statements of leaders that 1936 had been an excellent year for the business and the outlook for 1937 was so rosy led many to think conditions right for a price boost.

While watching for action on prices, Texas oil men also found interest in a four-month session of the State Legislature, beginning Jan. 12, and prospective changes in laws affecting the industry.

Because of the important position of Texas in the oil picture—it is the largest producing State—changes in the oil statutes usually command attention outside Texas.

Governor James V. Allred has served notice he will ask the legislators to renew the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact, which expires Sept. 1. He has the support of the Texas State Commission administrator of State conservation laws.

Reports were a strong effort might be made to repeal the proration laws or revise them radically. A fight might be made on the provision which authorizes the Commission to restrict production to market demand but few observers believed the Legislature would eliminate the political waste feature and "take off the lid."

Senator Joe Hill of Henderson, chairman of a Senate committee which has investigated conditions, expressed opinion recently the law authorizing the State to confiscate oil illegally produced had resulted in dumping oil worth \$2,000,000 on the market for \$800,000 and should be repealed.

**CALIFORNIA MAN NAMED CHAMPION COWBOY OF YEAR**

Salinas, Calif., Jan. 6. (P)—Fred McCargar, secretary of the Rodeo Association of America, announced that John Bowman of Oakdale, Calif., won the cowboy national championship ranking of the Association for the 1936 season.

Bowman amassed 10,887 official points during the season to defeat Leo Murray, Castle Hot Springs, Ariz., who placed second, and Everett Bowman, Fort Thomas, Ky., third.

## WHAT TO DO FOR ECZEMA ITCHING AND BURNING

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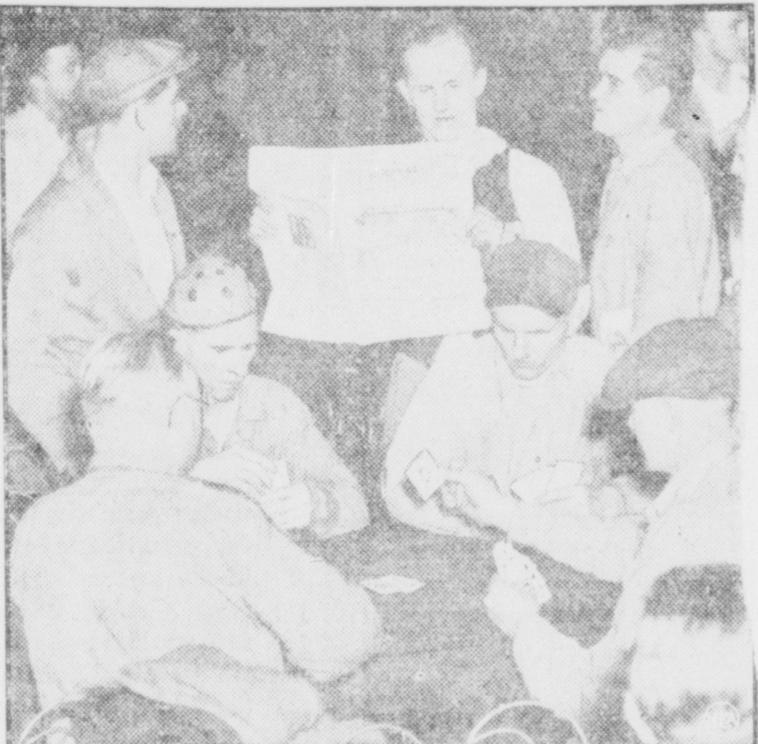
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## As 'Sitdowns' Closed Auto Plants



Typical of the sitdown strikes paralyzing production in plants stretching halfway across the continent, leading to a slowdown with the gigantic General Motors Corporation, is this scene in the huge Fisher Body plant in Cleveland, O., where 2000 suddenly ceased work. Apparently unworried over the outcome, the employees play cards and read to while away the time as they await a decision.

Full power of the C. I. O. has been placed back of the auto unionists by John L. Lewis.

## TOP SALARIES ARE LISTED

### HEARST, MAE WEST LEAD IN EARNINGS GIVEN IN TREASURY REPORT

Washington, Jan. 6. (P)—A peek into the pay envelopes of some of the Nation's big men and women, forwarded by a Treasury Department report to Congress, showed Wednesday that top salaries went to movie stars and captains of industry.

The voluminous document, made public by the House ways and means committee, answered at least some of the questions concerning what "the other fellow" made in 1935. Salaries of more than \$15,000 were listed.

William Randolph Hearst, the publisher, maintained his position as the country's leading wage earner with pay checks of \$500,000.

Mae West, the throaty-voiced siren of the screen, ran him a close second with earnings of \$450,000. She topped all film stars, including Janet Gaynor, last year's highest paid actress, whose 1935 income totaled \$169,750.

Charlie Chaplin's salary was listed at \$260,000. The late Will Rogers earned \$258,000. Fred Astaire received \$127,875. Ginger Rogers \$73,483. Katherine Hepburn \$121,572; Bing Crosby \$318,907; Marlene Dietrich \$368,000 and Joe E. Brown \$173,488.

Nickels and dimes poured into the cash registers of the F. W. Woolworth Company gave its president, B. D. Miller, an annual compensation of \$200,000.

General Motors Corporation paid President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., \$735,365, and William S. Knudsen, director and executive vice-president \$325,800. Ten other officials drew more than \$200,000.

Edsel Ford got \$160,376 as president of the Ford Motor Company. Walter P. Chrysler, Chrysler Corporation chairman, received \$182,543.

One of the highest paid women executives listed was Blanche Green, president of the Spencer Corset Company, Inc., of New Haven, Conn., who received \$37,620.

Seymour Weiss, one time treasurer of the late Huey Long's political organization, drew \$92,296 as vice-president of the Win or Lose Corporation, a Louisiana oil concern. Former Governor James A. Noe of Louisiana received a similar sum as president.

**CHARGES AGAINST LA PORTE YOUTH ARE DISMISSED**

Houston, Jan. 6. (P)—Charges of enticing a minor filed against ice creamery employee of La Porte, were dismissed Tuesday in Justice John Kilkenny's Court in La Porte.

Childress was charged in connection with the 40-hour disappearance of Helen Ruth Howald, 14-year-old La Porte girl, who was returned home Monday.

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## NEW ORIGIN OF PORTER'S USE OF "O. HENRY" FOUND

Austin, Jan. 6. (P)—A new version of the origin of William Sidney Porter's pen-name, "O. Henry," is given by Mrs. J. W. McNamara of Aransas. She says he obtained the idea while sitting by a campfire.

Mrs. McNamara says Porter ate dinner often at her home while living among cowboys at old Fort Worth near Cotulla, an abandoned army post.

"One night Porter and a cowboy named Henry were sitting near a campfire," she says. "Asked by his friend why he did not write for newspapers or 'do something like that,' Porter replied:

"Oh Henry! Oh Henry! I like this life in the brush."

"When he became known as a writer of fiction it was under the name 'O. Henry,'" she says.

Porter was quoted by a man closely associated with him during his life at New York, that the name was suggested by a fellow clerk in a Texas drug store.

### FORMER PIRATE'S RIDE WITH PORPOISE RETOLD

Galveston, Jan. 6. (P)—"Old Ben," one of the last survivors of Jean Lafitte's "molley crew," was taken for a "ride" through Galveston Bay in a wounded porpoise about 60 years ago, says Jesse A. Ziegler, South Texas pioneer citizen. United States naval forces compelled the noted pirate to abandon his rendezvous here in 1821, but "Old Ben," as he became known, and some of his fellow freebooters returned to Galveston Island subsequently for more peaceful pursuits.

"Old Ben," Ziegler says, while fishing in a skiff to which was attached an iron chain and harpoon, harpooned a porpoise about 60 years ago.

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**TRAVIS JACKSON SIGNS TO MANAGE JERSEY CITY CLUB**

New York, Jan. 6. (P)—Travis Jackson, veteran field captain for the New York Giants, has signed a three-year contract to manage the Giants' new International League farm team in Jersey City. Jackson also will play third base.

**Snake Dance Studied.**

Austin, Jan. 6. (P)—A carved "thunder stick" in the University of Texas anthropology museum tells the origin of the snake dances of the Navajo and Pueblo Indians. The stick was carved to symbolize the jagged lightning which Indians thought was a snake in the rain clouds. The fetish was applied to the snakes on the ground, and thus the snake dance came into being, museum officials say.

Madge Evans, as a little girl, is still used as the trade mark for a popular soap.

## Tenancy Problem Considered by U. S. Officials

Washington, Jan. 6. (P)—On the anniversary of AAA's death, the Administration centered its farm interests Wednesday on solving the tenancy problem.

Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, and Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, of the House Agriculture Committee offered a bill to provide \$50,000,000 annually for 10 years to help tenants buy farms of their own.

Although tenants would be given 40 years to pay for their farms, they would not be allowed to re-sell the land as long as the owed anything on it.

A farmers' home corporation would buy land for lease or sale, but County committees, each composed of a farmer, a business man and a credit expert, would select tenants for assistance.

Tenant buyers would lease the land for five years on annual payments of at least five per cent of the purchase price.

**WOMAN HELD AT HOUSTON IN ALABAMA SLAYING**

Houston, Jan. 6. (P)—Tessie Wilson, 22, alias Mrs. Lorraine Simpson, awaited Wednesday the arrival of officers to return her to Alabama to face murder charges in the slaying of Policeman Clyde Appleby at North Port, Ala., Oct. 1, 1935.

Arrested by Constable Neal Polk on a warrant Sheriff Fentus Shamblin of Tuscaloosa, Ala., sent her two weeks ago, the woman waived extradition.

Shamblin advised he was sending officers for her. He said Appleby was shot to death on a street at North Port, Tuscaloosa suburb, about a year after the officer had killed Ledger O. Simpson. The Sheriff said Simpson was slain while resisting arrest on a liquor charge.

The woman denied any connection with the killing.

"I didn't even know there was a charge against me," she told police. "But I'm willing to go back and face it. I'm innocent."

She told police she was with Simpson when he was slain.

**MUSEUM AUTHORITY AIDS IN EXAMINING OLD BONES**

San Antonio, Jan. 6. (P)—Dr. J. E. Pearce, curator of the Museum of the University of Texas, was asked to come here Wednesday to try to identify bones of three adults and a child unearthed in the Alamo chapel.

The bones were believed to have been the remains of persons who died during or shortly before the battle of the Alamo 100 years ago.

Mrs. Leita Small, Alamo custodian, said she had asked local health officers also to assist in the identification.

**STAMFORD MAN HIJACKED OF \$160 NEAR PADUCAH**

Paducah, Jan. 6.—Hugh Cannon of Stamford was hijacked of approximately \$160 Monday night by two unidentified men about six miles south of Paducah.

Cannon, en route to Stamford after selling a load of wheat in Wellington, was forced from the highway by the men who shot twice through the windshield of his truck. After taking the money the hi-jackers disabled Cannon's truck and fled in a red-wheel Ford V-8.

Mickey Rooney is learning the calling of fisherman. His teachers are none other than three of the Gloucester fishermen in "Captains Courageous."

Record classified ads get results.

## HOUSTON GIRL WEDS IN HOSPITAL OF BIRTH

Houston, Jan. 6. (P)—Seventeen-year-old Winifred Marie Walker decided to marry in the hospital in which she was born and the idea had its convenient points.

Dr. G. H. Spurlock, staff physician who attended the bride at birth, was a witness and the minister the bride and groom chose, the Rev. W. T. Turner, was a patient in the hospital. He performed the ceremony from his wheelchair. Flowers were borrowed from other rooms.

Egyptian Taylor, 23-year-old Houston aviator, was the groom.

Only one thing went wrong: The bride wanted to be married in the room in which she was born. A seriously ill patient was in that room, however, and the ceremony was held in the next room.

## RETIREMENT PLAN FOR TEACHERS GETS STUDY

Fort Worth, Jan. 6. (P)—A Texas State Teachers Association committee will meet here Thursday to consider a teacher retirement plan for presentation to the Legislature at its forthcoming session.

The association's executive board will take up the problem at meetings here Friday and Saturday. The board will draft recommendations for a bill in compliance with the Constitutional amendment approved last Fall.

O. A. Tarlton, local member said the group had agreed tentatively that the retirement age should be 65, that payments should be five per cent of the teacher's salary, the sum to be matched by the State, and that teachers who left the profession should receive with interest the amount they had paid.

**HEART ATTACK FATAL FOR FORMER COMEDIAN**

Houston, Jan. 6. (P)—Death in a small, back street hotel had ended Wednesday the comeback efforts of Ollie DeBrow.

The 46-year-old comedian, once at the top of the blackface vaudeville field died in poverty of heart disease. Formerly a star on leading vaudeville circuits he was able to obtain only bit parts with small-time shows in recent years.

DeBrow began his career as a high school boy in San Antonio. He married Jessie Reed formerly with the Follies. They later were divorced.

A daughter Ann DeBrow who lives in San Antonio survives.

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## THE LOCAL GANG DISCOVERY.

### While Breaking Up Petty Thieving Rings We Might Look After Some Other Matters.

The discovery of a well-organized gang of petty thieves in Vernon brings the question of crime control home to some of us who have been inclined to think of it only in academic terms. It will be a good service to break up a gang of this sort, and certainly officers should be given every encouragement in trying to clear up this type of criminality.

But after all has been done that officers can do there remains a doubt as to whether much has been accomplished of lasting benefit. The offenders may be sent to prison or to the reformatory. The sentences will be light and the offenders will come out in a few months or a few years at most. If they run true to the form most of them will become professional criminals.

Some good will result, of course, from punishment of criminals. No good purpose is served by a soft sentimentalism that revolts at the idea of sending people to jail. Sometimes that is the only thing that can be done, and if there were more of it in certain types of cases we would have less crime. The trouble is that many of those who ought to go to jail escape that humiliation while those who might be benefitted by a little mercy are often herded off to jail because they are without friends or influence.

Many things could be done to help remedy the conditions that make crime inviting to certain types of young people. There isn't sufficient space to enumerate them here. Much of the so-called welfare work is misguided and does little other than gratify the vanity of those who engage in it. Certainly not much will be accomplished as long as the community condones lawlessness of certain types which have become so common as to excite little comment. While we are thinking about cleaning up gangs we might give consideration to some conditions that encourage them.

## JAPANESE PARLIAMENT TO MEET.

### The Really Important Legislative News for Next Few Months May Come From Tokyo.

Much interest will be focused on the proceedings of our own national lawmaking body, now in session, but there is another legislative body whose deliberations may write history that will affect the whole world. The Japanese Diet will convene January 20.

Students of international affairs will be watching the proceedings with consuming interest, due to the importance of a number of questions up for consideration. Foremost is the test of strength between the conservatives and militarists. Which will win, or will the outcome be a compromise? On the result of this struggle will depend very largely whether Japan will follow Italy and Germany and embrace Fascism.

Other matters to be considered include naval strength, China, Soviet Russia, and relations with the United States, and Great Britain in the Pacific. The importance of these questions could hardly be overestimated. Naval strength and fortifications are of vital interest to the United States and Great Britain, just as the Chinese and Manchurian questions involve Russia.

The news out of Tokyo will be important in the next few months. It is not inconceivable that the actions of the Japanese Diet may have a more important bearing on the prosperity of this country for the next few years than the decisions of our own Congress. National interests have become so intermingled that the most remote section of the world cannot control its own destiny.

## VICTORY FOR STATE SOVEREIGNTY.

### Supreme Court Decision on Prison-Made Goods Also Aids Fair Business Practices.

The Supreme Court decision upholding the Federal statute prohibiting the shipment of convict-made goods into a state where their sale is unlawful is highly gratifying. The Ashurst-Summers law on which the case was decided also requires that prison-made goods be so labelled.

The decision approving the law was unanimous and was in line with recent decisions on the general subject of trade practices. The question of selling prison-made goods within this classification, due to the fact that such goods come in competition with articles made by free labor. Obviously, it would be unfair to allow the products of prison factories to be shipped into states that do not allow the sale of goods made in their own prisons.

The whole idea of selling the products of convict labor in competition with free labor is repugnant. There should be sufficient outlet for prison-made goods in the institutions of the state where they are made, but when prison systems begin competing in the public markets it is time to call a halt. The Supreme Court decision is a victory for free labor and fair business practices as well as for state sovereignty.

A bullet was found in the brain of a Pennsylvania man, but certain Europeans have had armaments on the brain for years.

There was a truce this Christmas Day. Dads didn't play with the toys of their sons, provided the boys didn't distract the match piles on the beer bottles.

There is no truth to the rumor that "Gone With the Wind" was written by a desolate farmer after a dust storm.

## Well, We're Glad To Know That



## PRISON BOARD PLANS TALKED

### POLICY OF HANDLING MEN IN TEXAS PENITENTIARY UNDER DISCUSSION

Houston, Jan. 6. (P)—The Texas Prison Board has announced plans to make "happier and better men out of convicts."

Chairman W. A. Paddock said the general policy for 1937 would be to handle prisoners in such a way as to reduce the number of repeaters as much as possible.

The board has passed two resolutions:

1. "We recommend as a future policy the appointment of a Prison Service Commission for the purpose of examining and classifying guards and all future applicants for positions as guards in accordance with a fixed schedule of standards and qualifications to be formulated by the board or under its direction.

2. "That the General Manager of the system with two members of the board be appointed by the chairman to work out a system for privileges for the prisoners on the different units of the system."

"The idea behind the resolutions," Paddock said, "is to segregate convicts into groups and to obtain proper guards for each group. We are anxious to keep normal, well balanced young men from coming into close association with hardened criminals for whom there is apparently no hope. It takes a guard with a certain understanding and attitude of mind to handle young men for whom there is hope of reformation."

"Then there is another type, 'queer' type, which offers conduct problems. They must be segregated from the hardened criminals and the normal prisoners."

**TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD SEEKS ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

San Antonio, Jan. 6. (P)—An appropriation of \$206,620 representing a net increase of \$49,717 has been asked of the State by the Adjutant General's Department for support of the Texas National Guard for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1937.

This was announced in a statement of facts to substantiate the increased appropriation which was released through the Texas National Guard headquarters here.

"Out of the 48 states in the United States," the statement read, "Texas is sixth in national guard strength, fourth in amount of federal aid appropriation, 14th in amount of state appropriation, and 35th in cost per capita to state government."

**NEWARK MAN NOMINATED BAR ASSOCIATION HEAD**

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 6. (P)—Arthur T. Vanderbilt, of Newark, N. J., was nominated Tuesday for president of the American Bar Association.

His nomination along with several others was made by State delegates attending a meeting of the organization's house of delegates. The association will elect officers at its annual convention during the week of Sept. 27. Additional nominations may be made by petition from the convention floor.

Others nominated included: David A. Simmons of Houston, Texas, for Fifth Circuit Board of Governors.

**Conducts Contest.**

Austin, Jan. 6. (P)—Prof. Goldwin Goldsmith of the University of Texas Department of Architecture, has been appointed regional supervisor for the Paris prize competition of the Beaux

Institute of Design. Preliminary competition will be held Jan. 23, Prof. Goldsmith says.

### BUS LINE PROPOSALS TO BE HEARD JAN. 8-11

Austin, Jan. 6. (P)—C. V. Terrell, Railroad Commissioner, said Tuesday seven applications to purchase operating rights or properties of bus and motor freight lines would be heard in Austin Jan. 8, 9 and 11.

Terrell and Gordon W. Goodloe, Jr., representing Louisiana, will form an Interstate Commerce Commission joint board to hear:

On Jan. 8, Southern Pacific Transport Company seeking to purchase the operating rights of Joe Sanderson of the Sanderson Motor Freight Lines; Southern Pacific Transport Company, purchase of operating rights and property of C. R. Sanders of the Sanders Freight Lines; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Motor Freight Lines, Inc., purchase of operating rights and property of James Alexander Robison of the La-Tex Motor Lines.

On Jan. 9, Union Bus Lines, Inc., purchase of operating rights and property of Joe Amerson of the Union Bus Lines.

Terrell, representing both the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission, will, on Jan. 11, hear the application of A. R. Dalby and J. C. Levens, co-partners of the Dalby Motor Freight Lines, seeking to buy the operating rights and property of John L. Conley and the same company seeking to purchase the operating rights of A. D. Miller.

**PUPILS END STRIKE AFTER APPEAL OF DISMISSED COP**

Deepwater, N. J., Jan. 6. (P)—A personal appeal of "Pete, the Cop" who assured them "your education means more to me than my job" partly broke the strike Tuesday at Deepwater public school which his young friends called to protest his dismissal from the "force."

Two-thirds of the 300 striking pupils responded to the school roll after hearing the simple worded appeal.

**STUDENTS REPORT HIGH RETURN ON HOG PROJECT**

Kicheville, Jan. 6. (P)—Herman Brackin, student of vocational agriculture here, received \$1.08 an hour for his labor in caring for a purebred gilt bought last Spring.

High school reports show he paid \$15 for the sow, grew most of the feed used in raising it, and now values the animal at \$80. He sold two of its litter when four months old for \$10 each, butchered one for home use, and marketed four for \$77. The product of the undertaking is valued at \$149, and the total cost from Spring until the end of the year at \$70.80.

Brackin says he gave 46 hours to the project, realizing \$1.08 an hour for raising the pig and its litter.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSION GETS LOW BIDS ON TWO PROJECTS**

Austin, Jan. 6. (P)—The Highway Commission received bids Tuesday on projects in 11 counties costing \$1,257,557 in the second letting for the January program estimated to cost \$4,000,000.

Projects, by counties, with low bidders, included:

Coke, 13.3 miles caliche base course

and asphalt seal on Highway 70 from route to the Tom Green

County line, E. F. Bucy & C. T.

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the Indian servant, BROKEN SHIELD, of the murders, and Tante Josephine defends him. Next morning Tante Josephine, too, is dead.

Broke Shield is not to be found. Professor Shaw investigates the cellar of the house, discovers a secret passage and is about to enter it when someone springs on him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

## CHAPTER XIX

When the dinner hour arrived Bob went to Professor Shaw's room to call him. There was no response to his knock, so Bob opened the door and found the room empty. Another person missing! Feeling terror, he returned to the living room and told Pearl John that the professor was not in his room. The others had all gone to the dining room.

For an instant Pearl John's face paled. Then he laid a hand on Bob's arm.

"Not a word of this to the others until we're sure he is not on the place somewhere. Was there anything out of place in his room?" He asked the last question because Bob's face showed that he still had something on his mind.

"No," Bob answered, "but since so much has happened, I think I ought to tell you what I saw the night before Pearl Pierre's death."

He related in detail the scene in the hall outside his door between Pearl Pierre and Angelique and told how the girl had trailed Pearl Pierre to the door with the lion's head knocker.

"Ah, now we're getting somewhere!" De Forest exclaimed.

Bob looked at him a moment in perplexity, half wishing he had held his tongue. De Forest had certainly been hard as flint with the Indian.

Pearl John walked toward the dining room.

To the others in the dining room he explained, "Professor Shaw does not care for lunch. Angelique, perhaps you would take me on for a game of billiards after dinner. I feel

as though I needed to have my mind distracted."

"I'd love to, Pearl John," she replied with her flashing smile.

Bob felt a twinge of conscience as he looked at the pretty little flirt. Ramon cast a quick glance at de Forest but soon was talking again with Betty, who sat at his side.

Later the click of the billiard balls could be heard as Ramon paused a moment outside the billiard room. Satisfied, he walked away down the corridor.

But when the game was over and Angelique had claimed victory over her opponent, Pearl John put the seats away and drawing her to a seat beside him, asked suddenly:

"What were you and my brother doing in the hallway the night before his death? You told us that you had not seen him again after we all said good night in the living room."

"Why—why, what do you mean?" she gasped, surprised into the answer.

"Just what I said," he answered coldly. "You were carrying on a well, a rather touching scene with him, shall we say? Then, after he left, you trailed him down the hall."

"So, someone has been telling lies about me; have they?" Angelique shrieked. "Let's see—yes, of course. The fair Betty's room is on that side of the hall isn't it? Men always believe anything a fair-haired woman cares to tell them. You've fallen for her."

De Forest bit his lip in fury. "You're wrong, Angelique."

"Of course I am!" she sneered. "Anything to protect her. Don't forget she was the last person to be with your aunt before she died so suddenly. And don't forget that you are now the sole heir to whatever fortune the de Forests may have had and they don't seem to have felt any lack of money."

De Forest looked at her baffled. It was one thing to baffle an Indian servant, and quite another to tackle a beautiful girl, furious with jealousy and spite. Finally he shrewd and rose to his feet. "Very well, then. You deny everything. Is that it, Angelique?"

"I most certainly do!" she sniped and flounced out of the room.

In the doorway she turned and flung over her shoulder, "You'll have a hard time hanging the crimes of someone else on me. Pearl John de Forest, I'm not a bit afraid of you or any of the others in this house!"

Walking quickly to Ramon's room, she beat on the door with a small clenched fist. When he opened it she slipped inside and faced him.

"I suppose you know what de Forest wanted of me, don't you?" she demanded.

"Don't be silly, Angelique. I heard him invite you to play billiards with him. We all did."

"But you didn't hear him accuse me of all the murders!" she went on. "It seems Betty Welch was spying on Pearl Pierre and me, and she told Pearl John what she saw. Now, Ramon, it's up to you to do something about this and to do it quick. Don't forget for a minute that it was your idea for me to make a play for Pearl Pierre."

Ramon was not listening to her ranting. His mind harked back to her first statement and he asked, "Did you say Betty told de Forest all this?"

"Yes, she did."

"Now Angelique, get hold of yourself. That girl wouldn't say anything

to harm a soul. She isn't that kind! She's—"

"So you're a victim of her sweetness, too, are you?" Angelique put her hands on her hips and looked at him with a cruel smile. "Well, let me tell you, Ramon, I'm through! I won't take the blame for what some one else has done. If you don't go to Pearl John and convince him I'm innocent, I'll do a little talking myself!"

"You're beautiful when you're mad, Angelique!" Ramon told her, grasping

her shoulders and smiling into her eyes. "Now listen, dearest. There isn't anyone who can hold a candle to you. You know that, don't you? Of course I'll see that de Forest doesn't blame you, little spitfire!" He pressed his lips to hers and in a moment felt her tense body relax in his arms.

Later he again opened the door and she slipped out into the hallway and hurried to her own room. But although her lips now smiled at her reflection in the mirror, there was

still a determined expression in her black eyes. The fair-haired Betty had claimed the attention of both men, and both had rushed to her defense when Angelique accused her of telling tales. Well, Angelique had ways to deal with situations of this sort.

Angelique had no intention of occupying second place where Ramon was concerned.

Meanwhile Bob was searching for Pearl John. When he discovered him in the library, brooding before the

fire, he asked, "De Forest, what is behind that mysterious door with the lion's head knocker, that you are so careful to see that nobody opens?"

Pearl John sprang up and faced him. "What do you mean?"

"Just this, de Forest. So long as you refuse to allow any of us to go to the basement or wherever it is that door leads, we'll feel there is something there that you're not anxious for us to see."

"Come on," said de Forest, rising. "I'd hate not to put your minds to

rest," he added sarcastically.

As they went down the hall, Ramon came from his room.

"We're going down into the basement," Pearl John told him. "Better come along, too."

"You want me to come?" asked Vasquez. Then, as the other nodded, he joined them.

They went down the long flight of stairs silently and, at the bottom, stopped suddenly. On the floor before them lay Professor Shaw.

(To Be Continued)

The gaiety of the Christmas party at "Thunder M-sa," the de Forest hacienda in New Mexico, has a tragic ending when PEARL SAM DE FOREST, oldest of three brothers, is found dead with an ancient knife in his throat.

Each of the de Forest brothers has the first name of "Pearl." PEARL JOHN is the youngest. PEARL PIERRE next. Others at the house are: TANTE JOSEPHINE, old and an invalid; BETTY WELCH, her young companion; RAMON VASQUEZ and ANGELIQUE ABEYTA, guests at the party; PROFESSOR SHAW, archaeologist; and BOB GRAHAM, the salesmen stopping at the hacienda while his car is being repaired.

The body of Pearl Sam, placed in the house chapel, has disappeared. Later Ramon and Angelique learn that it has been burned. Pearl Pierre announces that officers have been sent for. Next morning Pearl Pierre fails to appear. He is found, lifeless, below a rocky ledge, the same knife that killed his brother, in his throat.

Pearl John announces he is going to destroy the knife, but when he goes to get it, the knife has disappeared. Pearl John accuses

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39 Type standard.

40 Also.

41 To strike.

43 Myself.

44 Male child.

45 Meat.

47 Point.

49 To handle.

(pl.).

22 He — his

governor.

23 Auto.

24 Pagan.

26 Report of

accounts.

27 Payment

demand.

29 Male sheep.

30 Form of "o."

31 Either.

33 Intention.

36 To depart.

37 Inquiry sound

40 Plaything.

42 Sesame.

44 Slovak.

45 Valiant man.

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Eighteen others were dismissed and 19 were awaiting trial on that date, Cummings told Congress in his annual report. Federal attorneys also instituted six civil cases and five civil cases were filed against the Government.

The following cases were described as the most important under the Connally act:

Atlas Pipe Line Corporation, Inc., et al vs. Federal Trade Board No. 1—application for review of board order denying two applications for clearance for 25,374 barrels of crude on the ground that it was commingled with illegal, "scrubber oil." Petition dismissed.

United States vs. Atlas Pipe Line Corporation, Inc., et al—permanent injunction granted to enjoin defendants from commingling and shipping straight-run gasoline processed from illegal crude with natural gasoline in interstate commerce by pipe lines.

East Texas Refining Company and East Texas Pipe Line Company vs. J. W. Steele et al and Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company et al—courts refused an injunction to enjoin Federal Trade Board No. 1 members from exercising jurisdiction over oil products refined in East Texas from crude produced in Louisiana.

East Texas Refining Company vs. Federal Trade Board No. 1—court sustained board's action rejecting application for a tender to move in interstate commerce 10,000 barrels of gasoline and upheld constitutionality of Connally act.

Hayne Oil Corporation vs. Federal Trade Board No. 1—Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed lower court which held the corporation was entitled to tenders to 15,757 barrels of gasoline in interstate commerce.

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The bushmaster, said Sheppard when he put into his port recently with his companions on the 75-foot motor-yacht, Celia, is a rare and deadly snake of Honduras, and cassavae an herb from which Central American Indians extract a preservative for meat. Sheppard said also the expedition would endeavor to locate the cub plant, the roots of which are used as the base for an insecticide.

The plant, he said, is kindred to the derris root, also destructive to insects. Natives, he said, catch fish by feeding them derris which stupefies them.

Although Sheppard has accompanied five scientific expeditions to the tropics and captured two bushmasters, he never saw a live rattlesnake until he visited the snake farm of W. A. King here.

Sheppard said the expedition was sponsored by the University of Michigan and museums of Chicago and New York. The party expects also to bring back a large selection of marine, animal, and vegetable specimens. On a previous trip, he said, more than 300 new species of fish and several hundred snakes were obtained.

Lieut. Sancomb will leave the party on the west coast of Yucatan, cross the isthmus on foot, and join his companions on the east coast.

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